

ON JUNE 19, 2015, R277-498 WAS APPROVED BY THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (USBE) ON SECOND READING. THE RULE IS SCHEDULED FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING BY THE USBE AT ITS AUGUST 7, 2015 MEETING.

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-498. Grant for Math Teaching Training.

R277-498-1. Authority and Purpose.

- (1) This rule is authorized by:
 - (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board;
 - (b) Subsection 53A-1-401(3), which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities; and
 - (c) Subsection 53A-6-901(2), which directs the Board to make rules to provide criteria to award a grant related to mathematics education.
- (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish criteria to award a grant to:
 - (a) support and encourage prospective educators to earn mathematics endorsements; and
 - (b) assist an experienced mathematics teacher in becoming a teacher leader.

R277-498-2. Definitions.

- (1) "Comprehensive Administration of Credentials for Teachers in Utah Schools" or "CACTUS" means the electronic file maintained on all licensed Utah educators that includes:
 - (a) personal directory information;
 - (b) educational background;
 - (c) endorsements;
 - (d) employment history; and
 - (e) a record of disciplinary action taken against the educator.
- (2) "Endorsements in mathematics" means one or more endorsements in the mathematics teaching field that:
 - (a) qualify an educator or prospective educator to teach a specific or specific level of mathematics course; and
 - (b) is indicated by a notation on the educator's CACTUS record.
- (3) "Grantee" or "prospective grantee" means:
 - (a) an institution of higher education; or
 - (b) a nonprofit educational organization.
- (4) "Matching funds" means funds provided by the grant recipient in order to receive state funds under Section 53A-6-901.

R277-498-3. Board Procedures for Distributing Funds.

- (1) The Superintendent shall select a grantee that meets the criteria of Section 53A-6-901 and the criteria of this rule from requests submitted by a prospective grantee.
- (2) The Superintendent shall notify a selected grantee of its eligibility to receive funds under this program following:

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(a) review of the request; and

(b) the assurance of matching funds.

(3) The Superintendent may identify one eligible and qualified grantee and establish a funding schedule to distribute funds or allow a prospective grantee to submit an application until March 30.

(4) The Superintendent, under the direction of the Board, shall distribute the appropriation provided for in Section 53A-6-901 by June 30.

R277-498-4. Criteria for Awarding Grants.

(1) The Superintendent shall consider the amount or percent of matching funds that a prospective grantee offers.

(2) The Superintendent shall determine that the prospective grantee requesting funds under Section 53A-6-901 shall use the funds consistent with Section 53A-6-901.

R277-498-5. Accountability and Documentation.

(1) The Superintendent shall maintain records of the distribution of funds to a grantee that requests funds provided under Section 53A-6-901 and this rule.

(2) The recipient of funds under Section 53A-6-901 shall maintain documentation of the matching funds offered by the grantee that established the grantee's eligibility.

(3) Both the Superintendent and the eligible grantee shall maintain documentation of:

(a) the number of prospective educators and the relevant training received from funding provided by Section 53A-6-901; or

(b) the number of experienced mathematics teachers and the relevant training received from funding provided by Section 53A-6-901.

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